

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

CHANGE

- I. Latest word from Paris indicates that Faure apparently is abandoning his proposed solution for Moroccan impasse, thereby increasing the danger of further violence.

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- II. A.claiming to represent majority of 400,000 French in Morocco--
now openly arming themselves for attacks against the natives

Delete B.

Change

- III. A. However, abandonment of plan to dethrone Ben Arafat further weakens
the position of moderates

III. C. 2. Delete

IV. Addition of sentence furnished earlier

Faure reported now unwilling to force ben Arafa to resign

Faure had planned to face assembly with fait accompli on Moroccan program

He may now hope to avoid cabinet resignations until assembly votes

Assembly still expected to approve Moroccan program

Favorable vote might restrain rightist ministers who have threatened to resign.

A new IV and renumber following

IV. ~~A~~ Continuation of outright suppression is patently unacceptable

to Moroccans who would resort to intensified terrorism, guerrilla

tactics, sabotage, ~~all of which have proved~~

forces

1. French ~~Army~~ in Morocco now totals 100,000, of which some 20,000

are ununiformed militia recruited locally. *Capable of maintaining status quo.*

2. Lack of discipline ~~reported~~ among local recruits; ^{little} ~~no~~ "will to

fight" evidenced by Metropolitan forces; native troops visibly

impressed by blatant defiance of authority on part of local

French — *a handful have already deserted with their arms.*

3. Terrorist tactics on ascending scale could be carried on indefinitely

Persistence ~~might in long run~~ would probably in long run win since ~~in long run would probably win out~~

~~prolonged~~ prolonging of current economic crisis would prove too

France and
expensive for individual French settlers

Overall French Army strength in FNA = nearly 300,000
Percentage of North African 34%
" " Black African 5%

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Over-all French security forces strength -- army plus quasi-military,
gendarmerie and police units -- now probably more than 300,000.